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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING NATIVE LANGUAGE QUERY SERVICE

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The Claims stand rejected under Section 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,381,598 to Williamowski et al. in combination with a number of references. Applicants' counsel proposes to discuss the Williamowski et al. reference along with the claims of the present application, as it appears the Examiner and Applicants' counsel do not have a common understanding of the Williamowski et al. reference.

In Williamowski et al., a search query is translated into a number of languages and then the original query and its translations are presented to a search engine to increase the likelihood of relevant documents being returned by the search. This contrasts with the present invention, as set forth in the claims, in which the search query is presented to a selected search engine in the language most likely to return a relevant document (the search engine's "dedicated language").

Applicants assert Williamowski et al. does not teach or suggest selecting a search engine based upon the dedicated language of the search engine and then translating the query from the native language of the user into the dedicated language of the search engine. In other words, there is no teaching or suggestion in Williamowski et al. of selecting a search engine and then optimizing the search query for presentation to the search engine based upon the dedicated language of the search engine.